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SUBJECT: ROC SEAMEN RELEASED BY NORTH KOREAN SHIP

REF : A) TDC 300735Z DEC; B) TDC 301132Z DEC;  
C) TDC 310305Z DEC; D) STATE 000335

1. FOLLOWING IS A RECAP OF INCIDENT IN WHICH TAIWAN CHINESE SEAMEN WERE PICKED UP AT SEA AND LATER RELEASED BY A NORTH KOREAN FREIGHTER. PREVIOUS REPORTING (REFS A,B,C) WAS TRANSMITTED TO NMCC, BUT NOT TO DEPARTMENT.

2. THE CREW OF THE FREIGHTER SS OCEANIC GLORY (ROC SHIP OF LIBERIAN REGISTRY) ABANDONED SHIP SOUTHWEST OF TAIWAN EARLY ON DEC 30, 1973. THE CREW, 22 TAIWAN CHINESE, WAS PICKED UP BY THE SS ATLAS, A NORTH KOREAN SHIP OF MOROCCAN REGISTRY, BOUND FOR NORTH KOREA.

3. ROC AUTHORITIES INVITED THE ATLAS TO PUT IN TO KAOHSIUNG TO OFFLOAD THE OCEANIC GLORY CREW. THE ATLAS DECLINED, BUT AGREED TO PROCEED TO THE VICINITY OF HUALIEN, WHERE THE OCEANIC GLORY CREW WAS TRANSFERRED TO A ROC VESSEL--THE TRANSFER COMPLETED AT 0950 DEC 31.

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4. ROC ASSETS DEVOTED TO ESCORT/SURVEILLANCE OF THE ATLAS

WERE SHIPS--ONE DESTROYER AND ONE DESTROYER ESCORT;  
AIRCRAFT--THREE C-119, TWO S2A (ANTI-SUB), AND ONE HU16  
(AIR-SEA RESCUE). SOME OF THESE UNITS WERE USED ON A  
ROTATING BASIS, SO THAT ALL WERE NOT CONTINUOUSLY ON  
STATION. IN ADDITION, TWO SMALL BOATS WERE SENT OUT FROM  
HUALIEN TO EFFECT TRANSFER OF CREW. NO FIGHTER AIRCRAFT  
WERE INVOLVED, CONTRARY TO PARA 10 OF REF D.

5. NOTE: THIS INFORMATION NO LONGER CONSIDERED CLASSIFIED.  
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